

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131(B)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Petras et al.) Group Art Unit: 2166
Serial No. 10/624,345)
Filed: 07/22/2003) Examiner: Ali, Mohammad
For: Method and System for Creating and)
Maintaining a Database of Information) Attorney Docket No: WC01520-2
Utilizing User Comments and Opinions)
Commissioner for Patents
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Declaration Under Rule 131(b)

The purpose of this Declaration is to show invention prior to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0032115 of Goldstein, having an effective date of December 23, 1999 (hereinafter "Goldstein"), and U.S. Patent No. 6,826,540 issued to Plantec et al., having an effective date of December 29, 1999 (hereinafter "Plantec"). Neither the Goldstein nor the Plantec references claim the same patentable invention as Applicant (as defined in § 41.203).

I, Gregory J. Petras, the first named inventor in the above-identified patent application, do declare and say as follows:

1. That I am the first named inventor in the above-identified patent application;
2. That I was at all times relevant herein, and still am, the Manager/Project Director at Involve Technology, Inc., having a place of business at 11811 N. Tatum Blvd, Suite 3031, Phoenix, AZ, 85028, of the project embodying the invention in the above-identified patent application;
3. That I have first-hand, personal knowledge of the preparation of the materials in the Exhibits submitted herewith;
4. That on or before December 23, 1999, and prior to the effective dates of Goldstein and Plantec, certain inventive concepts were conceived and reduced to practice and/or conceived coupled with a diligent reduction to practice as follows:

With respect to Claim 43 and Claim 64, the following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of "[a]n Internet client-server system for assisting at least one group of users having at least one common goal to capture and search, in a single database, offered knowledge, relevant to such at least one common goal, of a plurality of such users for the benefit of at least one of such users":

1. Application functionality - revised.doc (EXHIBIT A) created on or before 10/3/99
2. Deliverables Timeline.doc (EXHIBIT B) created on or before 10/12/99

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of "individually capturing for such database at least one experience of at least some of such plurality":

1. Add & Rate Experiences.xls, (EXHIBIT C) created on or before 7/21/99
2. MaintExp.xls (EXHIBIT D) created on or before 7/21/99
3. Add Experience Process.doc (EXHIBIT E) created on or before 10/7/99
4. Add Experience Executive Summary.doc (EXHIBIT F) created on or before 11/4/99
5. Experience Maintenance.xls (EXHIBIT G) created on or before 7/30/99

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of "storing in such database such experience":

1. Database Overview (EXHIBIT H) created on or before 1/4/00

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, "user-searching, using at least one natural-language word, to select at least one desired kind of stored experience":

1. Search & Display.xls (EXHIBIT I) created on or before 7/21/99

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, "performing such user-searching":

1. Search & Display.xls (EXHIBIT I) created on or before 7/21/99

The following Exhibits show the conception and reduction to practice of "presenting search results":

1. Search & Display.xls (EXHIBIT I) created on or before 7/21/99

With respect to Claim 45 and Claim 66, the following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of "[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 43 [and/or Claim 65] further comprising a substantially automatic website management system":

1. Overall Site Architecture1.doc (EXHIBIT J) created on or before 12/16/99
2. Gepetto Processes.xls (EXHIBIT K) created on or before 12/28/99

With respect to Claim 46 and Claim 67, the following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, “[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 45 further comprising automatically rewarding assisting users for website management assistance.”:

1. MaintExp.xls (EXHIBIT D) created on or before 7/21/99

With respect to Claim 47 and Claim 73, the following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, “[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 45 further comprising: providing a software management system to directly manage such database and such population of users essentially without outside management”:

1. Batch Requirements.doc (EXHIBIT L) created on or before 8/24/99

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “wherein such software management system comprises measuring management efforts of each of at least one management sub-community”:

1. Journal - Number of points earned.doc (EXHIBIT M) created on or before 12/28/99

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “managing a reward system to reward management efforts of each of such management sub-community”:

1. Points for Activities.xls (EXHIBIT N) created on or before 12/6/99
2. Points.xls (EXHIBIT O) created on or before 12/6/99
3. ProcesGP.xls (EXHIBIT P) created on or before 11/28/99

With respect to Claim 52 and Claim 70, The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 43 wherein such step of user-searching, using at least one natural-language word, to select at least one desired kind of stored knowledge, further comprises: selecting, if any, such at least one kind of stored experience associated with chosen such at least one natural language word; selecting, if any, such at least one kind of stored experience in which the text of such at least one stored experience contains the chosen such at least one natural-language word; selecting, if any, such at least one kind of stored experience in which the category of such at least one stored experience contains the chosen such at least one natural-language word; and selecting, if any, such at least one kind of stored experience in which the title of such at least one stored experience contains the chosen such at least one natural-language word.”:

1. Experience Design Forms (EXHIBIT T) created on or before 10/23/99

With respect to Claim 54 and Claim 72, The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 53, further comprising: automatically measuring and storing each experience contribution, including users' comments made by each such at least one user; assigning points to be accumulated for each such experience contribution; automatically accumulating assigned points for each such experience contribution by each such at least one user; automatically reporting such points accumulated for each such experience contribution; defining at least one criteria for awarding prizes based on such accumulated points; and automatically awarding prizes to such at least one user with accumulated points meeting such at least one criteria.”:

1. MaintExp.xls (EXHIBIT D) created on or before 7/21/99
2. Journal.xls (EXHIBIT U) created on or before 11/5/99

With respect to Claim 56 and Claim 74, The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 43 further comprising: rating the relative overall value of each such at least one item of such experience according to the opinion of each of such involved subset of such population of users”:

1. Rate an Experience.doc (EXHIBIT Q) created on or before 10/14/99
2. Rate Experience.doc (EXHIBIT R) created on or before 11/17/99

With respect to Claim 59 and Claim 77, The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “[t]he Internet client-server system according to Claim 58 further comprising permitting such at least one user to view successively more detailed levels of such automatically accumulated system operation data.”:

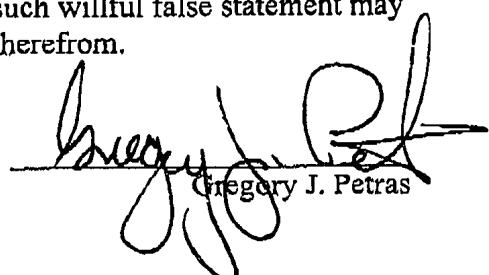
1. Journal- Number of Subjects Added.doc (EXHIBIT V) created on or before 12/16/99

The following Exhibit(s) clearly show the conception and reduction to practice, and/or conception coupled with diligence to reduction to practice, of “collecting comments about each at least one item of such experience according to the opinion of each of such involved subset of such population of users”:

1. Comment Display Page.doc (EXHIBIT S) created on or before 11/29/99

The declarant further states that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Date: 8/9/06



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